

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Attends the Opera—She Sees Many Odd Gowns. She Hears the Red Cross Praised—And Discusses Other Matters

WHEN it comes to opera and that sort of thing Philadelphia women are certainly there. Perhaps they do wear more jewels in New York, but then you know Philadelphia women have an air. They have!

Did you ever see any one hold a greater court than Mrs. Frank Ralston did last night at the opera? She came over from New York and was the William Struthers Ellis's guest in their box. I never saw anyone as young looking and so sweet and charming—and as to her gown and the way her hair was fixed, well my dears, all eyes were turned to the Ellis box! Mrs. Beau Thomson was another guest too and she looked stunning. But I want to tell you about Mrs. Ralston's frock. The upper part of the bodice was a creamy lace and there were sort of short lace sleeves. The skirt was brought up high on the waist line and there was a waist line, too none of your huge waist effects. The skirt was of black satin and was much draped in the front and at the back of either hip was an inset stripe of cream satin. She carried the most gorgeous fan of black ostrich feathers and her hair, which is turning to a wonderful silvery gray, was parted and waved and pulled out into a great knot at the back of the small head. She really did look perfectly lovely. She has such an unusual look I think. And it was good to see her back in Philadelphia—it only was for a night. She was "Babe" Tartar, you remember.

Mrs. Randall Morgan had a very beautiful gown of mauve satin and lace which went extremely well with her hair which is a bright auburn. I noticed Mrs. Jim Windsor in a black satin and gold lace gown which was very good looking. Mrs. Charlton Yarnall had a wine colored gown made with the straight broad piece of velvet across the back and this was topped with a band of chinchilla fur. The bodice was fashioned of a combination of silver and metal lace. Have you noticed how very prevalent red in all kinds of shades is this year? Marjorie Yarnall Newbold had on a frock of emerald pink, just a shade deeper than Eleanor Pepper Newbold's. They are sisters-in-law you know. Marjorie is fairer than Eleanor. I thought there was a decided air of happiness among these younger women, whose husbands will soon be home now. Of course, Marjorie were married some time before the war, but Eleanor and Eugene were married up in Maine, August a year ago, just after he had finished his course at Niagara.

Ruth Cox Stokes looked very smart last night. She was in the box with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Cox, who in turn occupied Mrs. Alexander Brinton Cox's box in the proscenium. Ruth wore a gown of black satin and sequin beads.

Altogether there were more really new frocks in evidence than on any night of the season so far. I suppose it was that since the armistice, some of the modistes have gotten out novel things and now the women are ready and anxious to buy them.

IN FRONT of me the other day in the train was a young soldier who was a friend of the man who had sat down beside me. He had a large red apple in his pocket, which he offered to his civilian friend. "Where'd you get that?" said the civilian. "Those Red Cross women. Good night! Why? You never saw anything like it! At every town of any kind of size all the way up from Texas there'd be a crowd of these women with apples and chocolate or hot coffee for you all the way along. It's wonderful!"

And I began to think of the wonderful work that is being done in this drive. Why, the scope of it is something too big for words. The Independence Square Auxiliary is headquarters for the central division of the city, which takes in forty auxiliaries and all the hotels and stores and everything else in the central part of the city. Mrs. George Lorimer is head of this division, and as her auxiliary is Independence Square, she asked all her workers to report there.

Mrs. Fred English is chief of headquarters. Mrs. Francis Darcum treasurer of the drive and Mrs. Charles Hochman, Mrs. Harold Gillingham and Mrs. R. Emott Hare are the receiving tellers. Then think of the stores that are covered. Mrs. George Zales Baker has the florists; Mrs. M. Gade and Mrs. Combes, the jewelry stores; Mrs. Charles McLean, the newspapers; Mrs. Edward Thomas, supplies; Mrs. Clinton Rogers Woodruff takes in the daily returns; Mrs. George Fitz Chandler has the drug stores; Mrs. Eugene S. Dorry, auto supply and auto firms; Mrs. Gilliam covers the markets; Mrs. W. S. Belding, the banks; Miss F. E. Miller, the photographers; Mrs. F. Hurlbut, the candy stores; Mrs. N. Allen Stockton, the theatres; and Mrs. Edward Schmidt, the music shops. The barber shops are being looked after by Brice Blynn, who, by the way, was made a second lieutenant just lately, you know, and Charles Lippincott is covering the cigar stores. Besides all these there are nine general aides in various capacities, including Mrs. Harry Elyan, Mrs. James R. Bennett, Mrs. Ashton Little, Mrs. W. W. Cox, Mrs. Robert Croger, Mrs. Theron Crane, Miss Keane, Miss Ida Fox and Miss B. E. Phillips. Miss Phillips is secretary to the division leader.

And that only gives you a tiny idea of the scope of the work. For returns have to be brought in to each division throughout the city from all these places every day.

And there is some one at every store and hotel in town collecting or enrolling for the Red Cross. Besides the women on the committees the E. A. A.'s are working, the National League girls and both Boy and Girl Scouts, all collecting. It certainly is some drive. It's for membership, you know, not for big donations.

SEEMS as if there were a bit of a lull in between times these days to give people a time to do Christmas shopping, but with the kiddies' parties next Monday the gayety will begin. That night there will be the Percy Clarke's dance for Miriam, and then on Thursday there will be the Charity Ball, and Saturday the Committee Class. The girls who would have

come out this year but have not on account of the war still subscribe to this class, so it will be a gay affair. Most of the members belong to the older school set and the boys range in age from about seventeen to twenty-one. There will be a number of dinners before the affair, which has grown to such proportions the ballroom at the Bellevue has been engaged for that night.

MOTHER was so delighted at luncheon the other day, when Emily, aged six, behaved so beautifully. She always held her fork just right and she never put her finger into the plate, and she answered nicely to everything she was asked and she did not try to talk too much; nor with something in her mouth. Altogether she was a most perfect little lady! Then she jumped up suddenly and exclaimed as she licked each small fat finger: "Gosh, I have to beat it! I'll be late for school!" NANCY WYNNE.

**Social Activities**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Wilbur, of Cynwyd, will give a dinner on Saturday evening, in honor of Mr. Wilbur's sister, Mrs. Arthur M. H. Chaffin, of New York. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. C. Cecil Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elder, and Mr. Richard E. Hanson.

Mrs. Clarence A. Warden, of Haverford, will entertain a dinner on December 28, before the dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clark, of Cynwyd.

Friends of Mrs. Morris Duncan Douglas, of Cleveland, will be glad to hear that she has recovered from her recent attack of influenza. Mrs. Douglas was Miss Dorothy Walton Dinamore, of Germantown.

Miss Frances Sullivan has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Hoffman, at her home in Washington.

Among the dinners to be given on Friday evening at the Bellevue-Stratford before the Penn Charter play will be that of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fortescue, of 4814 Milton street, Germantown, in honor of their son, Mr. Frank Fortescue. Their guests will include Miss Mary Burton, Miss June Crouter, Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, Miss Adelaide Sheble, Miss Elizabeth Shobin, Miss Eleanor Matlack, Mr. John Crisman, Mr. Lawrence White, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Gordon Crouter and Mrs. Fortescue. Mr. Fortescue will take the part of a student in the play "Quick-Quick-Walkingford," which will be presented by the students under the direction of Mr. Clinton A. Strong.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Jay S. Jones have returned to Germantown from Florida, where Mrs. Jones was stationed in the aviation. Mrs. Jones will be remembered as Miss Ruth Eisenhower, of Germantown.

A card party will be held in the new addition of the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, 1234 North Fifty-fourth street, for the benefit of the hospital on Saturday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock.

The Thirteen Club again entertained a number of navy men at the home of the Mrs. W. H. Weaver, 214 Weaver street, last Friday evening. The guests were: Dr. sign C. G. Fallon, N. A. C.; Ensign T. Caughey, N. A. C.; Ensign E. B. Faber, N. A. C.; Ensign W. L. Weaver, N. A. C.; P. O. K. M. Irwin; C. P. O. Walter Dones, Mr. James Hurley, Mr. Arlo Hult, M. C.; Mr. R. Kern, Mr. R. Barr, Mr. F. H. Hawkins, Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Mr. R. Harrison, Mr. Robert Cororan, Mr. David Feaster and Mr. Roy Todd, all U. S. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fancourt, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Thompson, and Mrs. Clarence Denzler, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. James Dobson Schofield and Mr. and Mrs. John Oberholzer, of Roxborough, will give a dance on Friday evening at Woodlawn, the American Bridge Company's clubhouse.

Mrs. George Sutton, of 5115 North Fifteenth street, will entertain on Friday evening at her home, when her guests will include the members of her 500 Club.

CHURCH FEDERATION ELECTIONS

Two Philadelphia Chosen by Interdenominational Body  
Harrisburg, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—At the meeting of the Interchurch Federation of Pennsylvania last night, the following officers were elected:  
President, J. H. Morgan, Carlisle; executive secretary, G. F. Snyder, Altoona; treasurer, T. K. Now, Altoona; chairman of the committee on unity, W. L. Mudge, Chambersburg; chairman of the committee on evangelism, Venn Daniels, Philadelphia; chairman committee social service, S. Z. Baiton, Philadelphia; chairman finance committee, E. A. Pyle, Harrisburg.  
A joint secretaryship with the proposed federation of Harrisburg churches was approved.

FUNERAL OF FITZHUGH LEE

Funeral services for Fitzhugh Lee, chemist, formerly of this city, will be held today in St. Stephen's Church, Broad and Butler streets. He died on Saturday at Cleveland, O., where he was director of the Grassell Chemical Company and manager of its manufacturing department. His wife, Mrs. Alice Lee, 1832 Erie avenue, this city, and a sister, Mrs. Kathleen L. Diamond, survive him here. He was active in chemical production of war materials during the last year. During the funeral services today the works of his company throughout the United States and Canada will be idle for five minutes out of respect to his memory.

DAVIS LUNCHEONS WITH KING

American Envoy and Wife Cheered Wildly by London Crowds  
London, Dec. 18.—American Ambassador Davis and Mrs. Davis lunched with King George and Queen Mary today.  
They rode to the palace in the royal carriage, were greeted by enthusiastic cheers from the crowds.

Divorces Granted

Court of Common Pleas No. 9 granted the following decrees of divorce:  
From John Madison, to Jennie M. Walker, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From William J. Fromm, to Jennie Walker Monahan, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From Frederick W. Fromm, to Jennie Walker Monahan, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From Margaret M. Fromm, to Frederick W. Fromm, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From Benjamin S. Fromm, to Margaret M. Fromm, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From Edward D. Fromm, to Margaret M. Fromm, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From William S. Fromm, to Margaret M. Fromm, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.  
From Charles S. Fromm, to Margaret M. Fromm, on grounds of desertion, by Judge J. H. M. Jones.

AT THE OPERA LAST NIGHT



MRS. FRANK W. RALSTON  
Mrs. Case wore a train gown of satin black in a shade of mauve. Her bodice and flowing sleeves were formed of rich lace. Mrs. Newbold's gown was one of the new high-necked evening frocks with a very low V-back. The gown was made of carnation rose-colored velvet, and across the back, high to the neck line, was stretched a straight, tight piece of tulle. The arms were covered with long flowing tulle. Mrs. Ralston chose a fetching gown of black satin and white lace and carried a wonderful fan of black feathers. Mrs. Fell's frock was of robin's egg blue satin and tulle. The very low-backed bodice was held over the shoulders with strands of tulle. Silver and gold lace formed a sort of rolled collar about the neck.

MRS. JOHN R. FELL  
MRS. HENRY BRINTON COXE

THREE NEW OPERAS

BY PUCCINI GIVEN

Metropolitan Scores Great Success With New Works of Modern Italian Master

The second performance on any stage of the three new one-act operas of Giacomo Puccini was given to a Philadelphia audience by the Metropolitan Opera Company last evening. The operas are in no sense a trilogy, as they differ materially in thought, action, characters and in every possible way that could bind them together as a trio of works that must be seen at one time in order that one may set off the others. The chief reason for giving them at one performance is the emotional contrast, no one of them being in any way like the other two.  
Musically, the first, "Il Tabarro," is infinitely the best of the three. Of the others, "Suor Angelica" is the weakest in every sense and had the additional misfortune of being by far the worst done. The third, "Gammalisciolto," is a screaming farce and presents a plot for which the pen of Sir Arthur Sullivan would have tithed had the libretto been brought to his notice.

Table listing cast members and roles for the operas: Michele, Giulio Crimi, La Frugola, Alice Gentile, Adamo Didur, etc.

The stories of the operas were given in complete form in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of last Saturday and need not be repeated here. Musically, as has been said, this opera is far the best of the three, and it may be said that from the standpoint of the dramatic requirements of the operatic stage it also far surpasses the others.

The music especially in the early part of the opera, shows a new Puccini who has endeavored to paint musically the river life of the individual in the case of the opera, "Il Tabarro" in Rome in the last act of "Tosca." He has drawn somewhat on the modern French school for some of his material; not all in melodramatic treatment, a little in the harmonic lines, but very much in the endeavor to create an atmosphere rather than follow his usual (and natural) course of fine individuality. The music is intense, dramatic situation being depicted on the stage. There are several fine arias in the true Puccini style, however, notably the impassioned aria of Michele, "Fideli miei Ragioni," the love scene between Luigi and Giorgetta and the splendid appeal of Michele to Giorgetta and the gloomy soliloquy of Michele, "Scorri miei occhi." Both musically and dramatically, however, the opera rises to its greatest heights at the very close, where Michele forces the lips of the faithless wife to those of her dead lover. The music is intense, dramatic, and here the composer has extremely stung off the French veneer, which, though very clever, does not always fit his melodramatic style. In the case of Puccini, closing the work with a burst of gigantic power which he has rarely equalled in any of his other operas.

It was splendidly sung and acted, especially by the three principals—Luigi, Giorgetta and Crimi. Mme. Musio intensified the very favorable impression she made at her former appearances, both vocally and in her acting, as also the other two principals. The burden of the opera rests upon these three characters and there can be nothing but praise for the work of all of them. Mention should also be made of the excellent vocalization of La Frugola by Alice Gentile and Adamo Didur; made a very picturesque and convincing Talpa.

The Sun's musical critic discusses the concert as follows:  
"The Philadelphia Orchestra gave its second concert yesterday afternoon at Carnegie Hall, and Leopold Stokowski, the conductor, showed us how the P-major Symphony of Brahms really ought to sound.  
"It was well played and, apparently much enjoyed. The energetic young conductor of the city whose tempi have always been misrepresented around the composition from its slumber. It lived and moved and had a purpose."  
"But now that admiration has trodden upon the vibrating air let us confess that it could have been played even better by an orchestra whose intonation was perfect. The wood-winds were not in tune in the symphony, and for the matter of that the strings also were not entirely of one mind all the time. But intonation is a shy bird and often hides itself in the forest of orchestral technique so successfully that it cannot be found and no one can tell the exact reason why."  
"However, the Philadelphia Orchestra is alive! It plays with veracity and with elasticity, and certain deficiencies in finish can be overlooked without strain."

LIEUTENANT BRINTON TO WED CALIFORNIA GIRL

Marriage Will Take Place This Afternoon at Church of the Epiphany, Germantown  
One of the most interesting weddings of the early winter will take place this afternoon when Miss Frances Fouchaux, daughter of Mrs. Henri Fouchaux, of Pasadena, Cal., will be married to Lieutenant Charles Wood Brinton, U. S. A., Camp Curtis, Mich. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Brinton, of 2308 Locust street. The ceremony will be performed at 3 o'clock in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, corner of Carpenter lane and Lincoln drive, by the Rev. I. A. McGrew.  
The bride will wear her traveling suit of brown fur-trimmed cloth, with a brown hat to match, and will be attended by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. G. Reynolds Miller, as a matron of honor.  
Mr. Miller will be the bridegroom's best man, and will be followed by a small reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, 314 Carpenter lane, Germantown. Lieutenant Brinton and his bride leaving immediately after 8 o'clock.

It is not easy to conceive the Metropolitan as a comic opera company, but seldom indeed has a purely humorous work been put on any stage with less success than that which characterized this lively opera. Not a great deal of the comedy was good.

SUFFRAGISTS CONDEMN MILITANTS' 'BONFIRE'

Leaders Call Burning of Wilson's Speeches at Capital 'Insult to President'

Vigorous protest against the action of the militant group of suffragists who burned copies of President Wilson's speeches at a public demonstration in Washington on Monday, was made today by officials of the Pennsylvania Woman's Suffrage Association, at a meeting in their headquarters in the Finance Building.  
A resolution denouncing this action was unanimously adopted.  
The resolution follows:  
"The executive committee of the Pennsylvania Woman's Suffrage Association, representing the loyal suffragists of the entire State of Pennsylvania, unanimously protest against the outrageous action of the National Woman's Party, the militant group, in Washington.  
"When the whole world respects the utterances of our President, it becomes an insult to our President to insult by word or deed the President of the United States."  
Suffragist leaders from all parts of the State attending the meeting, who were called chiefly to discuss the coming legislative program which will be presented at the next meeting of the Legislature.  
One of the questions to be considered is the kind of suffrage measure to be presented at the coming session.  
Mrs. John G. Miller presided.  
Among the suffragist leaders attending the conference were Mrs. Miller, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Clifford Pinchot, Allentown; Mrs. Robert M. Beach, Bellefonte; Mrs. Talbot Peterson, Pittsburgh; Mrs. E. E. Kierman, Somerset; Mrs. Henrietta B. Lyons, Williamsport; Miss M. J. Lutzner, Luzerne; Miss Mary L. Stewart, Chambersburg; Mrs. James P. Rogers, Warren; Mrs. F. H. Hagerman, Towanda; Mrs. Richard S. Quigley, Lock Haven; Mrs. William Ward, Jr., Chester; Mrs. Louis L. Smith, Stratford; and Mrs. George A. Dunning, Mrs. George A. Piersol and Mrs. Edward Parker Davis, Philadelphia.  
A protest against use by the National Woman's Party of the name "Women's Liberty Loan" was entered by Mrs. John O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan committee of Philadelphia. She accused the party of "camouflaging" in using "the name of a loyal, known organization."  
Pennsylvania suffragists will submit the Federal suffrage amendment to the 1919 Legislature for ratification and feel confident of its success, since the Governor-elect has put suffrage in his platform and has always been a friend of the amendment.  
Following are the names of the candidates for the State association which will hold a ratification mass-meeting in Philadelphia.  
CLUB TO ELECT MR. GIMBEL  
Merchant to Be Philmont President for Twelfth Consecutive Year  
For the twelfth consecutive year Ellis A. Gimbel will be chosen president of the Philmont Country Club when the annual election of officers takes place this evening at 8 o'clock. Following are the other candidates nominated: Vice president, J. B. Wasserman; treasurer, Ely K. Sellig, and secretary, Charles Edwin Fox.  
The directors for three years are Charles Gimbel, Joseph H. Snellenburg, Milton Herold, Henry Strouse, Morris A. Kaufman and Harry B. Hirsch.

RECEPTION BY SHARP VERY BRILLIANT EVENT

Wilson and Poincare Guests of Honor—President's Wife Upsets Precedent

By the Associated Press  
Paris, Dec. 18.  
Last night's reception at the American embassy when President and Mrs. Wilson and President and Madame Poincare were the guests of honor, proved a notably brilliant social event, the company which assembled for dinner including many of the most prominent figures in public life who later at the reception met several hundred people of various nationalities representing all branches of official, military and diplomatic life now gathered in the French capital.  
Ambassador Sharp's residence was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The spacious marble grand salon and the dining room, while the salons and the dining room were filled with flowers and palms, the decorations including a tasteful blending of the American and French colors.  
Received Military Honors  
The President and Mrs. Wilson were received by a mounted French guard as their automobile reached the embassy. As they descended they passed between the lines of an American guard of honor drawn up at the entrance of the embassy. After the President and Madame Poincare arrived and received military honors.  
A distinguished company already had assembled in the grand salon and the Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp then escorted their guests to dinner. President Wilson giving his arm to Madame Poincare, who sat at his right, and Mrs. Wilson at the President's left. President Poincare took Mrs. Wilson, who sat at the right with the wife of the President of the French Senate on his left.  
The scene in the drawing room after the dinner was brilliant with the women in rich evening gowns glittering with jewels and the members of the diplomatic corps, generals and admirals in full uniform resplendent with medals and decorations. The stately Beure de Cardinal Annet, the Archbishop of Paris, in his scarlet robes seated out among the somber blues and blacks of the uniforms and evening dress. Most of the civilian officials wore the red sash of the Legion of Honor or the star of that order.  
Wilson in Black Coat  
President Wilson wore a plain black coat while Mrs. Wilson had a blue tulle gown with silver ornaments and a diamond crescent in her hair. Madame Poincare wore white brocade silk.  
Military honors were accorded the President as he departed from the embassy.  
In the afternoon before attending the embassy reception, President Wilson conferred with Ambassador Jusserand, who accompanied him to Europe on the George Washington.  
Some surprise has been occasioned in certain circles that four women—Mrs. Wilson, Madame Poincare, Madame Jusserand and Miss Wilson—were permitted to ride in the same carriage Saturday from the Bois de Boulogne station. It appears that the arrangement was due to Mrs. Wilson, who expressed a wish that Madame Jusserand be allowed to ride with her.

JOHN C. CALHOUN DEAD

Grandson and Namesake of South Carolina Statesman

New York, Dec. 18.—John C. Calhoun, grandson of the Great South Carolina statesman whose name he bears, and formerly a cotton planter, died here today in his sixty-sixth year.  
John Caldwell Calhoun, descendant of the South Carolina "State sovereignty" doctrine, was born in the town of Calhoun, Ga., in 1852. He was a member of the Congress several decades before the Civil War decided the United States to be a "nation," was an Alabama, having been elected in 1845. He was the grandson of the Statesman of the American Revolution. He was a lawyer by profession and a member of the Lawyers' and other clubs.

PHILADELPHIA'S FOREMOST THEATRES

GARRICK—MAT TODAY

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RECEPTION BY SHARP VERY BRILLIANT EVENT

Wilson and Poincare Guests of Honor—President's Wife Upsets Precedent

By the Associated Press  
Paris, Dec. 18.  
Last night's reception at the American embassy when President and Mrs. Wilson and President and Madame Poincare were the guests of honor, proved a notably brilliant social event, the company which assembled for dinner including many of the most prominent figures in public life who later at the reception met several hundred people of various nationalities representing all branches of official, military and diplomatic life now gathered in the French capital.  
Ambassador Sharp's residence was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The spacious marble grand salon and the dining room, while the salons and the dining room were filled with flowers and palms, the decorations including a tasteful blending of the American and French colors.  
Received Military Honors  
The President and Mrs. Wilson were received by a mounted French guard as their automobile reached the embassy. As they descended they passed between the lines of an American guard of honor drawn up at the entrance of the embassy. After the President and Madame Poincare arrived and received military honors.  
A distinguished company already had assembled in the grand salon and the Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp then escorted their guests to dinner. President Wilson giving his arm to Madame Poincare, who sat at his right, and Mrs. Wilson at the President's left. President Poincare took Mrs. Wilson, who sat at the right with the wife of the President of the French Senate on his left.  
The scene in the drawing room after the dinner was brilliant with the women in rich evening gowns glittering with jewels and the members of the diplomatic corps, generals and admirals in full uniform resplendent with medals and decorations. The stately Beure de Cardinal Annet, the Archbishop of Paris, in his scarlet robes seated out among the somber blues and blacks of the uniforms and evening dress. Most of the civilian officials wore the red sash of the Legion of Honor or the star of that order.  
Wilson in Black Coat  
President Wilson wore a plain black coat while Mrs. Wilson had a blue tulle gown with silver ornaments and a diamond crescent in her hair. Madame Poincare wore white brocade silk.  
Military honors were accorded the President as he departed from the embassy.  
In the afternoon before attending the embassy reception, President Wilson conferred with Ambassador Jusserand, who accompanied him to Europe on the George Washington.  
Some surprise has been occasioned in certain circles that four women—Mrs. Wilson, Madame Poincare, Madame Jusserand and Miss Wilson—were permitted to ride in the same carriage Saturday from the Bois de Boulogne station. It appears that the arrangement was due to Mrs. Wilson, who expressed a wish that Madame Jusserand be allowed to ride with her.

JOHN C. CALHOUN DEAD

Grandson and Namesake of South Carolina Statesman

New York, Dec. 18.—John C. Calhoun, grandson of the Great South Carolina statesman whose name he bears, and formerly a cotton planter, died here today in his sixty-sixth year.  
John Caldwell Calhoun, descendant of the South Carolina "State sovereignty" doctrine, was born in the town of Calhoun, Ga., in 1852. He was a member of the Congress several decades before the Civil War decided the United States to be a "nation," was an Alabama, having been elected in 1845. He was the grandson of the Statesman of the American Revolution. He was a lawyer by